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In re application of

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PACKET OF TISSUES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 2-6, 8-9, 12 and 14-15 as follows:

--2.(Amended) Packet (20) of tissues (64) according to claim 1, characterized in that each tissue (64) is folded in such a way as to form a square, the number of absorbent paper thicknesses of which is a multiple of four.--

--3.(Amended) Packet (20) of tissues (64) according to claim 2, characterized in that each folded tissue (64) has sixteen thicknesses of absorbent paper.--

--4.(Amended) Packet (20) of tissues (64) according to claim 3, characterized in that folding each tissue (64) into sixteen thicknesses consists in folding four panels (60) of approximately equal width, separated by longitudinal fold

lines (54, 56, 58), the directions of folding of the panels (60) with respect to the outer fold lines (54, 58) being mutually opposing, then in folding the panels (60) in succession about a first fold line (61) and a second fold line (62).--

--5.(Amended) Packet (20) of tissues (64) according to claim 1, characterized in that its height (H) and its width (L) are between 50 and 58 millimetres.--

--6.(Amended) Packet (20) of tissues (64) according to claim 1, characterized in that the opening means comprise a flap (36) which can move between an open position uncovering the region (86) for grasping at least one folded tissue (64) and a closed position covering the region (86) for grasping.--

--8.(Amended) Packet (20) of tissues (64) according to claim 7, characterized in that the moving flap (36) is articulated about an axis (70) approximately parallel to one of the edges of the packet (20).--

--9.(Amended) Packet (20) of tissues (64) according to claim 8, characterized in that the moving flap (36) comprises means (42) for holding it in the closed position, such as an adhesive strip which can be unstuck and restuck several times onto a fixed part of the wrapper (21).--

--12.(Amended) Packet (20) of tissues (64) according to claim 11, characterized in that the first portion (76) is an

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arc of a circle, the centre of which corresponds approximately to the point of concurrency of the three edges which delimit the corner of the packet (20).--

--14.(Amended) Packet (20) of tissues (64) according to Claim 11, characterized in that the first face is one of the frontal faces (22, 24).--

--15.(Amended) Packet (20) of tissues (64) according to Claim 11, characterized in that the first face is one of the faces (26, 28, 30, 32) adjacent to the frontal faces (22, 24).--

REMARKS

Claims 2-6, 8-9, 12 and 14-15 have been amended to correct multiple dependencies. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE".

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"VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE"

Claims 2-6, 8-9, 12 and 14-15 have been amended as follows:

2. (Amended) Packet (20) of tissues (64) according to ~~the preceding claim,~~ claim 1, characterized in that each tissue (64) is folded in such a way as to form a square, the number of absorbent paper thicknesses of which is a multiple of four.

3. (Amended) Packet (20) of tissues (64) according to ~~the preceding claim,~~ claim 2, characterized in that each folded tissue (64) has sixteen thicknesses of absorbent paper.

4. (Amended) Packet (20) of tissues (64) according to ~~the preceding claim,~~ claim 3, characterized in that folding each tissue (64) into sixteen thicknesses consists in folding four panels (60) of approximately equal width, separated by longitudinal fold lines (54, 56, 58), the directions of folding of the panels (60) with respect to the outer fold lines (54, 58) being mutually opposing, then in folding the panels (60) in succession about a first fold line (61) and a second fold line (62).

5. (Amended) Packet (20) of tissues (64) according to ~~any one of the preceding claims,~~ claim 1, characterized in that its height (H) and its width (L) are between 50 and 58 millimetres.

6. (Amended) Packet (20) of tissues (64) according to ~~any one of the preceding claims,~~ claim 1, characterized in that the opening means comprise a flap (36) which can move between an open position uncovering the region (86) for grasping at least

one folded tissue (64) and a closed position covering the region (86) for grasping.

8.(Amended) Packet (20) of tissues (64) according to ~~the preceding claim,~~claim 7, characterized in that the moving flap (36) is articulated about an axis (70) approximately parallel to one of the edges of the packet (20).

9.(Amended) Packet (20) of tissues (64) according to ~~the preceding claim,~~claim 8, characterized in that the moving flap (36) comprises means (42) for holding it in the closed position, such as an adhesive strip which can be unstuck and restuck several times onto a fixed part of the wrapper (21).

12.(Amended) Packet (20) of tissues (64) according to ~~the preceding claim,~~claim 11, characterized in that the first portion (76) is an arc of a circle, the centre of which corresponds approximately to the point of concurrency of the three edges which delimit the corner of the packet (20).

14.(Amended) Packet (20) of tissues (64) according to ~~any one of Claims 11 to 13,~~Claim 11, characterized in that the first face is one of the frontal faces (22, 24).

15.(Amended) Packet (20) of tissues (64) according to ~~any one of Claims 11 to 13,~~Claim 11, characterized in that the first face is one of the faces (26, 28, 30, 32) adjacent to the frontal faces (22, 24).